



# Legislative Background Brief

for the  
Economic Affairs Interim Committee

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## Board of Livestock

**Administrative Appointments:** By Governor with the consent of the Senate

**Statutorily Established** - 2-15-3102, MCA. Created in 1971 but preceded by various commissions dating back to the late 1800s.

**Board: 7 members.** Each member must be a Montana resident and an active livestock producer. Each member also must have a recommendation from one of four industries: cattle producers; dairy producers, swine producers; and sheep producers. The dairy producer represents the dairy and poultry industry. The governor designates the presiding officer. A member's term is 6 years. Board appoints Dept. of Livestock executive officer.

Members/ Address	History, Representing	Term Expires
John H. Lehfeltdt, Lavina Board Chair	Owns and operates Lehfeltdt Land & Livestock, north of Lavina and the Musselshell on Current Creek. Member of the Montana Wool Growers Association and the Montana Cattlemen's Association. Represents sheep producers.	3/1/2019
John P. Scully, Ennis Board Vice Chair	Owns and operates Tail Feather Ranch in Madison and Gallatin Counties. Attorney. Served in Montana Legislature for 3 terms and on the Board of Regents and Bozeman School Board. Member of the Montana Stockgrowers Association. Represents cattle producers.	3/1/2019
Nina Baucus, Wolf Creek	Co-owns and operates Sieben Ranch Co. with her husband. A son is assuming ranch management. Member of the Montana Stockgrowers Association, the Montana Wool Growers Association, and the Montana Forest Owners Association. Represents cattle producers.	3/1/2023
Sue Brown, Belgrade	Operates the Amaltheia Organic Dairy and (goat) cheese facility near Belgrade. Represents dairy producers, poultry industry	3/01/2023
Brett DeBruycker, Dutton	Owns and operates a Charolais cattle ranch. Past president of the Montana Charolais Association and the Montana Cattlemen's Association. Represents cattle producers.	3/1/2021

Lila Taylor, Busby	Co-owns and operates the Taylor Ranch, a cow-calf operation in the Kirby area, with her family. Served in the Montana Legislature for 3 terms and on the Board of Public Education and the Board of Regents. Also served on the Montana Higher Education Student Assistance Corp. Board and the Student Assistance Foundation Board. Member of the Montana Stockgrowers and the Montana Farm Bureau Federation. Represents cattle producers.	3/1/2021
Ed Waldner, Chester	Manages a swine farm. Also runs dairy cattle and is involved in egg production and small grain production. Represents swine producers.	3/1/2023